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## **BLM ANNOUNCES RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet on June 15, 2006, at the Bristlecone Convention Center, 150 Sixth Street, Ely, Nevada. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The morning session will be a joint meeting with the Mojave Southern Great Basin RAC and the topics to be discussed include the Ely Field Office Final Resource Management Plan and the Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties Groundwater Development Project EIS (Southern Nevada Water Authority proposal). Other topics to be discussed at the afternoon session include updates on the Shoshone Range Off Highway Vehicle Trail, the Lost Ox Off Highway Vehicle Trail, Aerial Photography for Vegetative Studies, and a Mining update.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and discussion of issues related to management of BLM administered public lands. The three Resource Advisory Councils in Nevada accommodate this community participation directive. The Councils' membership represents interests in mining, environmental, wild horse and burro, Native American, livestock, state agencies, and elected officials.

The RAC provides advice and recommendations to the BLM on land use planning and management of the public lands. Meetings are open to the public and public comment periods are included in each meeting. This forum provides an opportunity for people to ask questions of the citizen-based advisory council or to make comments that may assist RACs in their planning efforts. The public comment period will begin at 1:30 p.m. on June 15, 2006. For more information about the RAC meeting, contact Mike Brown at the BLM Elko Field Office, (775) 753-0386.